

REMARKS

Prior to entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-46 were pending in this application, claims 1 and 25 being independent claims under examination. The status of the pending claims is as follows:

- Claims 1, 4, 5, 8, and 9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,126,854 to Sheridan ("Sheridon '854"). Also, claim 16 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheridan '854 in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,917,646 to Sheridan ("Sheridon '646"). Further, claims 2, 3, 6, and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sheridan '854 in view of Sheridan '646 and in further view of U.S. Patent Application No. 2003 0076573 by Gates *et al.* ("Gates")¹;
- Claims 7, 10-15, and 18-24 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected claim 1; and
- Claims 25-46 were allowed.

After entry of this Amendment and Response, claims 1-6 and 8-96 will be pending in the application.

The Examiner stated at page 6 of the Office Action that claims 7, 10-15, and 18-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant notes with appreciation the Examiner's conclusion that these claims contain allowable subject matter, and hereby amends claims 10, 11, 14, 18, and 20 by rewriting them in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1, as suggested by the Examiner. Also, claim 1, rejected in the Office Action, is hereby amended to include all of the limitations of the allowable and now-cancelled claim 7, dependent therefrom. Further, claim 19 has been amended to change its dependency from claim 16 to claim 18, which has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of base claim 1 and claim 16. Finally, claims 3, 4, and 28 have been amended to correct typographical errors therein. No new matter has been introduced.

¹ Applicant notes that Gates, published on April 24, 2003, does not qualify as a proper prior art reference for the purpose of examining this application, because Applicant's earliest priority date of June 27, 2002 antedates Gates' publication date.

In addition, dependent claims 47-96 are added to more particularly point out and more distinctly claim the subject matter Applicant regards as his invention as well as in view of the amendment to claim 1 and the rewriting of claims 10, 11, 14, 18, and 20 in independent form. No new matter has been introduced, support for the new claims being found throughout the Specification and at least in paragraph [0024] and in claims 2-6, 8-9, and 16, all as originally filed.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claim 1, as amended, and all claims dependent therefrom, as well as claims 10, 11, 14, 18, and 20, as rewritten in independent form, and all claims dependent therefrom, are in condition for allowance and respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all the objections.

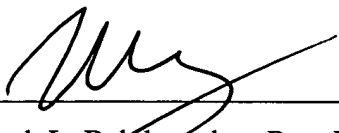
Finally, in response to the Examiner's objection, Applicant hereby amends FIG. 1 to introduce an inadvertently omitted reference numeral 1 associated with a nonemissive electronic display, according to one embodiment of the invention. No new matter has been introduced by this amendment. Support for this amendment to FIG. 1 can be found at page 5, lines 5-6 and 15-16, of the specification. Applicant hereby requests consideration and entry of the proposed drawing amendment and withdrawal of the objection to the drawing.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments, approval of the amendment to FIG. 1, reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection and objection, and allowance of claims 1-6 and 8-96 in due course. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone at the number listed below to discuss any outstanding issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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